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Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This response is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14 to 24.

Please add the following claims:

25. A system for packaging products of varying size comprising:
- a) a first film roller, the film roller holding a first lay-flat thermoplastic film tube of a first width;
 - b) a second film roller, the film roller holding a second lay-flat thermoplastic film tube of a second width, wherein the first film width is different from the second film width;
 - c) a means for selecting the first or second lay-flat thermoplastic film tube based on the size of the product to be packaged;
 - d) a means for selecting a length of the first or second lay-flat thermoplastic film tube based on the size of the product to be packaged;
 - e) a means for remotely sensing the size of the product to be packaged; and